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SUBJECT: CCMS: MAY 1974 PLENARY TURIN - INLAND WATER POLLUTIN  
PILOT STUDY

SUMMARY: PILOT COUNTRY CANADA PRESENTED FINAL REPORT (AC/274-D/44)  
OF SUBJECT PROJECT CONTAINING THREE RESOLUTIONS AND 14 RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR ADOPTION BY CCMS. IN PRESENTATION, CANADA REQUESTED MEMBER  
NATIONS PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
RESULTING FROM THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS A FOLLOW UP  
ACTION. ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS WAS UNFORTUNATELY DEFERRED  
UNTIL FALL PLENARY AT FRENCH REQUEST (DESPITE FACT FRANCE AS  
CO-PILOT HAD PARTICIPATED IN REPORT DRAFTING, FRENCH REP (MANET)  
CLAIMED LEGAL EXPERTS HAD NOT HAD TIME TO REVIEW FINAL LANGUAGE,  
AND CANADA AGREED TO POSTPONE FINAL ADOPTION UNTIL NEX PLENARY.)

1. CANADA PRESENTED REPORT AS PILOT COUNTRY, AND US DELIVERED  
SUPPORTING STATEMENT INDICATING THAT AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THIS  
PROJECT, US-CANADIAN COMMITTEE ON WATER QUALITY ON ST. JOHN  
RIVER BASIN WAS ESTABLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 1972 AND SUBSTANTIAL  
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PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN (1) SECURING AGREEMENT BY LARGE  
PAPER MILL TO IMPLEMENT CONTROL MEASURES (2) STUDYING  
POTATO WASTES CONTROL EFFORTS, AND (3) DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON  
WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES.

2. RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ACCEPTABLE TO BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS AND UK. DENMARK PROPOSED WORD CHANGE IN FINAL RECOMMENDATION UNDER NO. 3(INDIRECT INSTRUMENTS IN WATER MANAGEMENT). AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION BELGIUM DEL SUGGESTION ACCEPTED THAT ENGLISH TEXT READ "-TAKE SPECIAL CARE THAT THE USE OF SUCH INSTRUMENTS DOES NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE."

3. FRG AGREED WITH DOCUMENT IN CONCEPT BUT WAS UNCLEAR ON NATIONAL VS. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIP OF RIVER BASIN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT. CANADA ADVISED THAT DOCUMENT WAS AIMED MORE AT INTERNATIONAL PLANNING ACTIVITIES ON A BASIN-WIDE BASIS THAN AT NATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS. FRG REQUESTED ITS POSITION BE INCLUDED IN MINUTES OF MEETING.

4. FRG FURTHER INDICATED THAT IN ALL AREAS COVERED BY THE PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS THEY HAD ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY. THEY REPORTED THAT THEY WERE PREPARING TO MEET WITH RUMANIA FOLLOWING WEEK FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES ON THE DANUBE.

5. NORWAY ACCEPTED THE REPORT BUT WAS UNABLE TO GIVE DETAILED COMMENT. NORWEGIAN REP INDICATED THAT WHILE RIVER BASIN WAS A LOGICAL UNIT FOR PLANNING AND PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION IT WAS NOT RELEVANT FOR THEM BECAUSE THEIR PROBLEM RELATED TO POLLUTION SOURCES EXTERNAL TO THEIR BASINS, NAMELY AIR POLLUTION FALL OUT FROM NORTHWESTERN EUROPE.

6. FRENCH DELEGATE UNABLE TO ACCEPT REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME TO SECURE SUFFICIENT REVIEW OF REPORT BY "LEGAL EXPERTS" IN FOREIGN OFFICE. FRANCE FURTHER INDICATED THAT ON SURFACE READING, SEVERAL POINTS UNCLEAR, ESPECIALLY WORD "MANAGEMENT" AS TRANSLATED INTO FRENCH. FRENCH DEL REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT UNTIL FALL PLENARY. AS RESULT OF FRENCH RESERVATIONS AND BECAUSE OF ITS COPILOT COUNTRY STATUS, THE CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THAT PILOT AND COPILOT COUNTRIES WORK UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT NECESSARY UNDERSTANDINGS ON ITEMS QUESTIONED AND SUGGESTED THAT THE REPORT BE PRESENTED AT THE FALL PLENARY.

7. SUBSEQUENT TOTHE REPORT PRESENTATION SESSION, PROJECT LEADERS FROM CANADA AND US AGREED TO TRY FOR A MEETING WITH FRENCH PROJECT LEADER AND REPRESENTATIVE OF FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE IN EARLY JUNE. RUMSFELD

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